

PANTO SEASON STARTS EARLY AT LOAKES PARK

Slough Trip The Light Fantastic Around The Weakened Wanderers

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Wycombe Wanderers 0, Slough Town 3

OH dear! Wycombe Wanderers were indescribably bad against Slough, a compact Athenian League, premier division side who completely dominated the Wycombe Floodlight Cup, senior section game at Loakes Park on Tuesday night.

It was a comedy of errors by Wycombe. A Christmas pantomime with half a dozen old dames and a couple of principal boys.

Slough kicked off underdogs and walked off with their joyful fans chanting "Easy, easy." They had completely outplayed and demoralised Wanderers. And what was more, they thoroughly deserved their victory.

Wycombe had four reserves in the side in goalkeeper Wells, left-back Eyres, centre-forward Roystone and left-winger Bantock.

They never played as a team. But Slough did. This is why they won. They always seemed to have the extra man and throughout cashed in on Wycombe's bad passing.

Wycombe learned at least one lesson—that Roystone is not a centre-forward. He was far too slow and was blotted out by the quick-tackling Dellaney.

Bantock had a shocker on the left-wing and Eyres was often caught out of position. Bates and Samuels both had unhappy games. They lacked that extra something that we all know they have.

ONLY WORLEY

Of the forwards only Worley played with anything like his normal skill. Baker and Gale both worked hard, so did Beck at full-back. We might have seen some better football had whistle-happy referee Mr. Dowdy of Wycombe not pulled the players up for every petty offence.

Some of the stoppages were for incidents that had not even reached the offence stage. This was a good clean game of football. That it had 21 stops for "fouls" in the first-half was just ridiculous. I rated 13 of these decisions by Mr. Dowdy as unnecessary.

Slough went ahead after a quarter-of-an-hour when Partridge hit a chip pass from Scott past Wells.

Six minutes later Bernie Gogan, Slough's Berks and Bucks forward headed a Reardon centre home.

MISSES

Wanderers did have their chances. Early on Samuels belted a Worley cross high and wide, and later, when presented with a golden opportunity by Bates, he rolled the ball to Binfield instead of hammering it past him.

Slough almost made it three in the 33rd minute. Beck headed a Dellaney header off the line and Reardon headed the ball back, hitting the crossbar. Stevens shot the rebound over the top.

In the 71st minute Bantock made a mistake and was robbed. The ball was thumped down the middle to the unmarked Reardon who had only to round Wells and shoot into the empty net.

Mr. Dowdy was less whistle-conscious in the second-half, and only blew for 12 fouls. I don't know what five of them were for.

Slough never slackened off. Their passing was a treat to watch—especially after watching Wycombe's best intentions going to waste because they couldn't pass.

It was the first time Wycombe had been beaten at home this season. Let's hope they have learned their lesson from their Athenian neighbours in this non-league fiasco.

Or shall we say that the pantomime season started early at Loakes Park.

Wycombe—H. Wells; P. Eyres, J. Beck; B. Baker, J. Rund'e, C. Gale; L. Worley, K. Samuels, P. Roystone, P. Bates, T. Bantock.

Slough Town—A. Binfield; J. Davies, I. Ford; J. Wilks, J. Dellaney, M. Scott; R. Stevens, L. Partridge, B. Gogan, T. Reardon, R. Dearlove.